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Weavers' Co-operative Society, Limited, Taliparamba

* 989 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, North Malabar, ordered the Secretary of the Taliparamba Weavers' Co-operative Society, Limited, to function independently without consulting the President;

(*b*) whether any representations against the orders of the Deputy Registrar were received from the President and members of the society and if so, the action taken thereon; and

(*c*) whether the society is functioning normally after the issue of the above orders by the Deputy Registrar?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) In the general body meeting of the society held on 7th November 1954 there was confusion and two sets of people claimed to be directors. The Deputy Registrar, therefore, advised the Secretary to carry on the day-to-day administration of the society, within the limits of the authority he derived under the by-laws, till the question of a duly constituted Board was decided.

" (*b*) A representation against the orders of the Deputy Registrar was received from one of the two persons who claimed to be the President of the Society, viz., Sri T. P. Achutan. A memorandum signed by a majority of the members was also received containing allegations against Sri T. P. Achutan and praying that orders might be issued to entrust the management of the society to the new Board with Sri V. Damodaran Nayanar as President. The Deputy Registrar has been instructed to keep a close watch over the affairs of the society and to conduct, if necessary, an enquiry under section 38 of the Co-operative Societies Act. The question as to which of the two Boards is a legally constituted one can be decided only if an arbitration reference is made to the Deputy Registrar under section 51 of the Co-operative Societies Act.

" (*c*) The day-to-day work is being carried on and there has been no complaint."

8-50 a.m. SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The meeting held on 7th November 1954 was convened at the request of the Deputy Registrar who cancelled the previous meeting and asked the President to hold another meeting with sufficient notice. The Deputy Registrar was informed of the meeting and asked by a registered letter to be present or depute his representative. But he did not turn up. The position of the person who was elected by the majority of the members has not been accepted. A few members headed by Sri V. Damodaran Nayanar went out, held a meeting without any notice and elected a president and a board of directors, and it is this that has created the confusion. Is it not a fact that this Deputy Registrar is a particular friend of this Nayanar who is a

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Congressman and there is no confusion except on account of what has been done by the Deputy Registrar? Will the Government conduct an enquiry into the conduct of the Deputy Registrar so that the society may not suffer? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I shall call for a report regarding the matter referred to by the hon. Member."

Madras Educational Service Rules

* 990 *Q*.—SRI K. T. SREEDHARAN (on behalf of Sri S. S. Kolkebail) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state with reference to starred question No. 816 answered on 21st July 1953—

(*a*) whether the Madras Educational Service Rules have since been amended as to provide for the appointment of—

(i) Assistant Lecturers in Government Arts Colleges by transfer as Lecturers in Training Colleges, and

(ii) Assistant Lecturers in Training Colleges by transfer as Lecturers in Arts Colleges; and

(*b*) if so, whether these rules affect the persons serving now as Assistant Lecturers in Arts and Training Colleges?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Not yet, Sir.

" (*b*) The question of giving protection to existing incumbents is being considered in connexion with the amendment of the rules."

Lorries and jeeps o fthe Civil Supplies Department.

* 991 *Q*.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of lorries and jeeps with the Civil Supplies Department at the time of the abolition of the Civil Supplies Department; and

(*b*) how they have been disposed of?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) With the complete decontrol of rice, the Civil Supplies Department has not been abolished as presumed by the hon. Member. A part of the staff is still maintained to attend to the residual Civil Supplies work. On the date when complete decontrol of rice was ordered, viz., 10th July 1954, the total number of lorries and jeeps in the Civil Supplies Department was as follows :—

Lorries 94.

Jeeps 49.